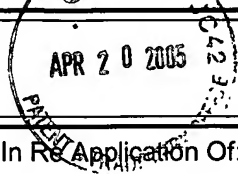

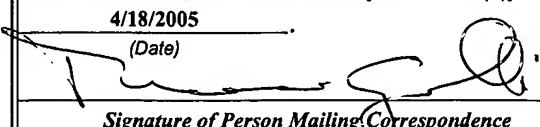


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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the species election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated January 28, 2005, and supplementing the Response filed on March 21, 2005, the Applicant respectfully traverses the species requirement set forth therein but nonetheless elects the claims of Species I (first embodiment), i.e., Claims 2-4 and 15-17, along with generic claims 1 and 18 to 20 for continued prosecution herein.

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